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TAGS: MASS, SA, US

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR LOA: EXTENSION OF ORDNANCE CORPS PROGRAM

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED A SAG REQUEST, RELAYED TO US BY COE DIVISION ENGINEER, FOR A TWO YEAR EXTENSION OF THE ORDNANCE CORPS PROGRAM. THE REQUEST IS FOR A 7TH AMENDMANT TO FMS CASE HAP.

2. THIS CASE IS THE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE SAUDI ORDNANCE CORPS PROGRAM (SOCP). SOCP IS AN OUTGROWTH OF THE ORIGINAL ARRANGEMENT BETWEEN THE SAG AND THE USG FOR THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO ASSIST THE SAUDI ARMY IN MAINTENANCE OF THEIR VEHICLES AND WEAPONS. HAP HAS BEEN AN ONGOING CASE FOR 5 YEARS, WITH 6 AMENDMENTS, AND THE 7TH AMENDMENT WILL COVER THE CONTINUATION OF THIS FMS CASE FOR FISCAL YEARS 78 AND 79.

3. THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF MONEY INVOLVED IS \$306 MILLION FOR FY 78 AND \$297 MILLION FOR FY 79. APPROXIMATELY HALF OF WHICH WILL BE SPENT IN THE UNITED STATES FOR COMMERCIAL ITEMS AND FOR THE HIRE OF U.S. PERSONNEL.  
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THE PRICE OF THE NEW AMENDMENT IS DOUBLE OF THE PAST YEAR BECAUSE OF THE ADDITIONAL SUPPORT REQUIRED FOR THE U.S. ARMY MECHANIZED EQUIPMENT (150 M-60 TANKS AND 1100 M113 APC'S) BEING SOLD TO THE SAUDI ARABIAN ARMY. THERE WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 500 ADDITIONAL CONTRACTOR TECHNICAL SERVICE SUPPORT PERSONNEL REQUIRED UNTIL SAAOC PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN TRAINED. ABOUT 175 WILL BE

U.S. CITIZENS.

4. WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF THIS REQUEST BECAUSE IT  
IS CONSISTENT WITH USG OBJECTIVES TO DEVELOP AND  
MODERNIZE SAUDI ARABIA'S DEFENSIVE CAPABILITY.  
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